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P. O. CLOTHIER'S MOTION APPEALS, Introduction by Michael Collins Piper

The article that follows is the first-ever publication of the motion appeals filed by the late Philadelphia attorney P. O. Clothier in his unsuccessful efforts to overturn the conviction of Ernest Zundel, the German-Canadian publisher in exile, charged in Canada with the crime of disseminating "false news."

Mr. Lawrence Dennis Appeals to Reason

Some 50 years ago an American intellectual with key positions in the U.S. government and in the world of high finance was targeted by the United States and the Roosevelt administration in the notorious "Sedition" trial of 30 Americans. Lawrence Dennis made an appeal to reason the best American citizens can be expected to make.

INTRODUCTION

By Michael Collins Piper

During the Fall 1981 term, two fiercely adversarial attorneys appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States to argue their respective positions in a case that would have significant impact on the future of free speech in America.

Although Dennis was a nationally-known figure in the mid-20th century, he is now all but "airbrushed" out of the pages of history books. Even the Encyclopedia Britannica has no entry for him. Yet, in the 1930s and 1940s, he was a major figure in the world of high finance and in the corridors of power in Washington, D.C.

Dennis was a Harvard graduate who had served in the U.S. diplomatic corps and was a protégé of Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg (of Kellogg-Briand Pact fame). He was a confidant of Bernard Baruch, the financier who was the "power behind the throne" in the administrations of Democratic presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was also a confidant of Col. Edward M. House, Wilson's chief foreign policy adviser.

In the late 1920s, Dennis was heavily involved in the Hoover campaign and was rewarded with a post in the Commerce Department. He was also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the powerful think tank that has long been the "establishment" voice in foreign policy matters.

Dennis was a prolific author and his books, *The Dynamics of War and Revolution* (1933) and *The Coming American Fascism* (1936), were widely read and discussed in the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. and in the nation's leading newspapers and magazines.

Dennis was also